



### **Craig William Swanson, High School Principal**

Craig W. Swanson was born in New York. He graduated from Long Island Lutheran High School in 1971. After graduation he went to the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill on a full-ride basketball scholarship, but he graduated from Wheeling College (West Virginia) with a BA degree in Sociology in 1976. For six years after college he played professional basketball, living in Sweden, France and Uruguay.

Craig started his teaching career in 1982 at Orlando Luther High School, now Orlando Lutheran Academy, where he was mentored by two of God's great servants, Rev. Ed Visscher and Mr. Rich Wallace. He spent nine years at OLHS teaching, coaching girls basketball (his team won a State Championship in 1986), and learning about Ministry. He later received his Colloquy degree from Concordia, Bronxville in 1987.

In 1992, Craig accepted a Call to teach Theology and to coach boys' basketball at Lutheran High School of Orange County. In 1997 he became Assistant Principal in charge of Discipline and developed the "Success Center" to benefit students, families and teachers. He earned his MA in School Administration from Azusa Pacific University in 2000. While at Orange Lutheran, Craig was blessed to be mentored by two great leaders, Dr. Ken Ellwein and Mr. Gregg Pinick.

After nine years of great ministry and personal growth at Orange Lutheran, Craig accepted a Call to become Principal/Executive Director at Salt Lake Lutheran High School. Led and equipped by God, he turned around the previous six-years' declining enrollment. He spent five years there turning a negative into a positive relational/outreach ministry, thus enhancing the school's community perception.

Most recently, in 2005 Craig accepted the Call to be the High School Principal at Prince of Peace Christian School. He continues to rely on God's continued blessings here in Carrollton, Texas. For the past three years Craig has served on the board of the Association of Lutheran Secondary Schools (ALSS). Craig has always taken on life's challenges with a great faith in and dependence on, God's promises.

Craig and his wife Carin have been happily married for 16 years and have one beautiful daughter, Tessa. Craig attributes any success he has had to God alone who he seen work work through many family members, friends and life situations!

**TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY.**